



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Lake Blvd Onramp Project Completed Ahead of Schedule

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and contractor Tullis, Inc. of Redding have opened the Lake Boulevard Onramp project ahead of schedule. The southbound Interstate 5 (I-5) onramp at Lake Blvd./State Route 299 in Redding was anticipated to take seven days to complete, with 24 hour closures. The project, which began on Saturday, May 5, 2007 was opened this morning, with the major paving and earthwork operations completed in four days.

Intermittent night closure may be necessary to complete the remaining work, which includes the installation of lights, signs, erosion control and to add the necessary striping, guardrail and finish work. The remaining ramp closures will be for short durations at night. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of May.

The project objective for this \$1.5 million safety improvement is to reduce the number and severity of accidents in this location by widening, lengthening and reconstructing the ramp as well as improving the drainage at this location. An average of 10 merge-related accidents a year have been occurring at this location, warranting this safety improvement. This project will help reduce those accidents by allowing more distance for motorists to merge. Drivers merging onto the interstate should practice safe merging by yielding to mainline traffic while those travelers on the interstate should allow on-coming drivers to merge safely on to the interstate by slowing down, speeding up or changing lanes when safe.

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